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Newsletter #118:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

I hope everyone had a good week. It is finally starting to get warmer here in Chicago and with the weather comes fewer big auctions, at least in my world. I will probably skip a newsletter here and there during the summer months when there isn't much going on. For the moment however there are some notable auctions coming up, particularly in Europe.

The ANA election in which I am running for a governor on the board is in full swing. Thanks to those of you that have reached out and mentioned that you were voting for me. The results are going to be released on July 2nd and I will inform everyone once I know.

[Here are upcoming auctions:](#)

Davissons Ltd. E Auction 30 (June 12)

Our friends in Minnesota are conducting their 30th online sale on June 12. Davissons is known for their British hammered coinage along with other areas including ancients. This auction has 206 lots ranging from ancients to U.S. to numismatic books. Check it out on their site or Numisbids.

Jean Elsen & Sons 141 (Live auction June 15)

This long standing Belgian auction house is conducting their 141st auction on June 15 with 2,151 lots. There are 110 Greek, 23 Celtic, 49 Roman Republic, 138 Roman Empire and 54 coins from Byzantium. At the end of the auction there are a number of books being offered. Jean Elsen has been active in the coin world since 1976 and now runs his business with his two grown sons. You will find pedigreed coins within his auctions. I don't believe you can do online bidding for this auction. You can submit a bid sheet prior

to the auction or if there is something of higher value I'm certain phone bidding could be coordinated. You will find Jean Elsen's auction on Numisbids. It is not on Sixbid. If you want to bid directly on his site there is a digital bid sheet that is reasonably easy to use.

Künker 322-325 (Live auctions June 24-27 and E-Live July 3-4)

Künker is not taking a break over the summer! Four large catalogs arrived in my mailbox this week showing the lovely material coming in their 322-325 auctions which will take place in Osnabrück at the end of the month. They have a wonderful collection of bracteate coinage. There have been some really stellar bracteate material coming on the market in recent weeks. This is yet another. The continuation of the Eberhard Link collection in catalog 324 which features his gold coinage from Italy and South America. Some of you might recall that Herr Link had a rather large collection of Aes Grave that sold in previous Künker sales. Auction 325 is an interesting collection of 1,000 coins and medals dedicated to the Reformation and Protestantism. This is the third part of the Dr. Rainer Optiz collection and is in cooperation with the numismatist Dirk Löbbers. This auction is going to be an e-sale so online bidding will be available.

A note on the Künker auctions: please note that Künker does not offer online bidding during their live auctions. I was pleasantly surprised that Hess Divo (run by Ulf Künker) recently offered online bidding for the first time in their late May auction in Zurich. Perhaps Künker will be offering this in the future but for the time being if you want to bid you need to submit the bids beforehand or phone bid if you are not in the room.

Alde June 2019 Sale (Live June 24)

The French auction house Alde will be conducting a live sale on June 24 in Paris. Admittedly I don't bid too often in the French auctions because I find that they aren't the easiest when it comes to exporting into the United States. They offer online bidding and I might try my luck again this go around since there are a few interesting pieces in this auction. If you want to register you can go through the process which entails giving a credit card and also a copy of your passport. I will also offer bidding if you are interested. Get in touch for details.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-empire/domitian-as-augustus-81-96-ad-rome-1?rq=re1097>

Domitian as Augustus. 81–96 AD. Rome

AV Aureus, 7.17g (17mm, 6h). Laureate head r. / Garlanded and lighted altar

Pedigree: Ex Rollin & Feuardent 26 May 1909, J. Evans, 81; Christie's 8 October 1984, property of a lady, 30 and Empire coins 10, 1989, 220 sales. From the Adda and George C. Hopkins collections

Price: \$12,500

References: Faces of Power 77 (this coin illustrated). RIC 42. Calicó 929

Grade: Lovely reddish toning and pleasant strike. About EF

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Domitian was the son of the Flavian emperor Vespasian and the younger brother to Titus who was 11 years his junior. Likely due to the sizeable difference in age, Titus was left back in Rome when his father and brother were out running the empire. Most notable was Titus' quelling of the Jews during the First Revolt, an event that brought riches to the Romans and the building of the Colosseum. In 79 AD when Vespasian died Domitian expected to be made successor to his brother Titus. This was not however self evident and there was apparently bitterness between the brothers. Titus died only two short years later and whether it was expected or not Domitian did become Augustus. His rule was not overly accepted, particularly by the aristocracy. This dislike did not extend to the military who generally thought well of the emperor. Domitian campaigned in person which hadn't been done since his predecessor Claudius in 43 AD. Once Domitian was murdered in 96 AD most were thrilled with exception to the military who wanted retribution by holding those responsible to punishment.

This coin comes with an illustrious pedigree dating over 100 years. It also is a plate coin in the Faces of Power book.

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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